

February 25, 2021

Director of the Office of Child Care,

Seneca-Cayuga Nation's planned use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds is as follows:

- Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus?

The Seneca-Cayuga Nation CCDF has a plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidies, and essential workers. We are waiving parent's co-pays until September 30, 2021. We will be paying full rates to the Provider's that we contract with in subsidies whether the child is in full attendance or not. In doing so, this will help our Provider's put the extra funds towards PPE and much needed supplies for their facility.

- Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from state and local health departments and the centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)?

We plan to keep our Provider's with the needed PPE supplies for their facilities. We will also pay for any health trainings needed to keep them informed with the ongoing pandemic. We will work with the local Health Department to be up to date on new guidelines. We are having a professional cleaning company come into the facilities and do a deep cleaning for the Provider's as well.

- Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Provider's

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the Covid-19 public health emergency?

Yes, we do plan on using the CRRSA funds for stabilization grants to the Provider's. Further guidance is needed from our federal partners to finalize plans.

- Assistance to Provider's not participating in the subsidy program prior to the pandemic:

As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible childcare providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency?

Yes, we plan to help Provider's not participating in the subsidy program. Further guidance is needed from our federal partners to finalize plans.

- Other

Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA childcare funds for any other activities or assistance not described above?

Further guidance is needed from our federal partners to finalize plans.

Thank you,
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